CRITICAL ISSUES POLL

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Poll on Iran War

Survey Methodology

This poll was conducted by Ipsos from November 20-22, 2026, using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 1,022 adults age 18 or older.

The study was conducted in English. The data for the total sample were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race/ethnicity, education, Census region, metropolitan status, and household income. The demographic benchmarks came from the 2026 March Supplement of the Current Population Survey (CPS). The 2024 presidential vote choice benchmarks came from the federal elections 2024 election results for the U.S. President.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error takes into account the design effect, which was 1.07.

Note: Percentages may not always add to one hundred due to rounding.

Q1. Which of the following military steps regarding the Iran war do you support?

	Republicans	Democrats	Independents	All respondents
Stay the current course, until Iran accepts US terms	34%	14%	19%	21%
Escalate militarily, in an attempt to force Iran to accept US terms	39%	3%	18%	18%
End the war now regardless of the terms	25%	80%	59%	55%

Q2. Do you support Congress withholding funds for military operations as a way of forcing the end of the Iran war?

	Republicans	Democrats	Independents	All respondents
Yes	14%	53%	34%	32%
No	62%	16%	34%	35%
I don't know	23%	30%	31%	31%

Q3. Congress faces a December 11, 2026, deadline to pass a stopgap funding bill to keep the government open.

Do you favor or oppose including an Iran war-funding cutoff in that bill, even if it risks a presidential veto and a possible government shutdown?

	Republicans	Democrats	Independents	All respondents
Favor	17%	51%	32%	31%
Oppose	48%	16%	28%	28%
I don't know	34%	32%	38%	39%